

U.S. exports of solid wood products declined 33 percent from 1997 to 2002<sup>1</sup>. Figure 1 illustrates how the top 24 customs districts fared in relation to the average decline, using -33 percent as the baseline. In figure 2, the same customs districts are represented with the baseline set at zero percent change.

Figure 1: Relative Change of U.S. Wood Product Exports Compared to the Average Change (-33 percent), by Customs District, 1997 - 2002

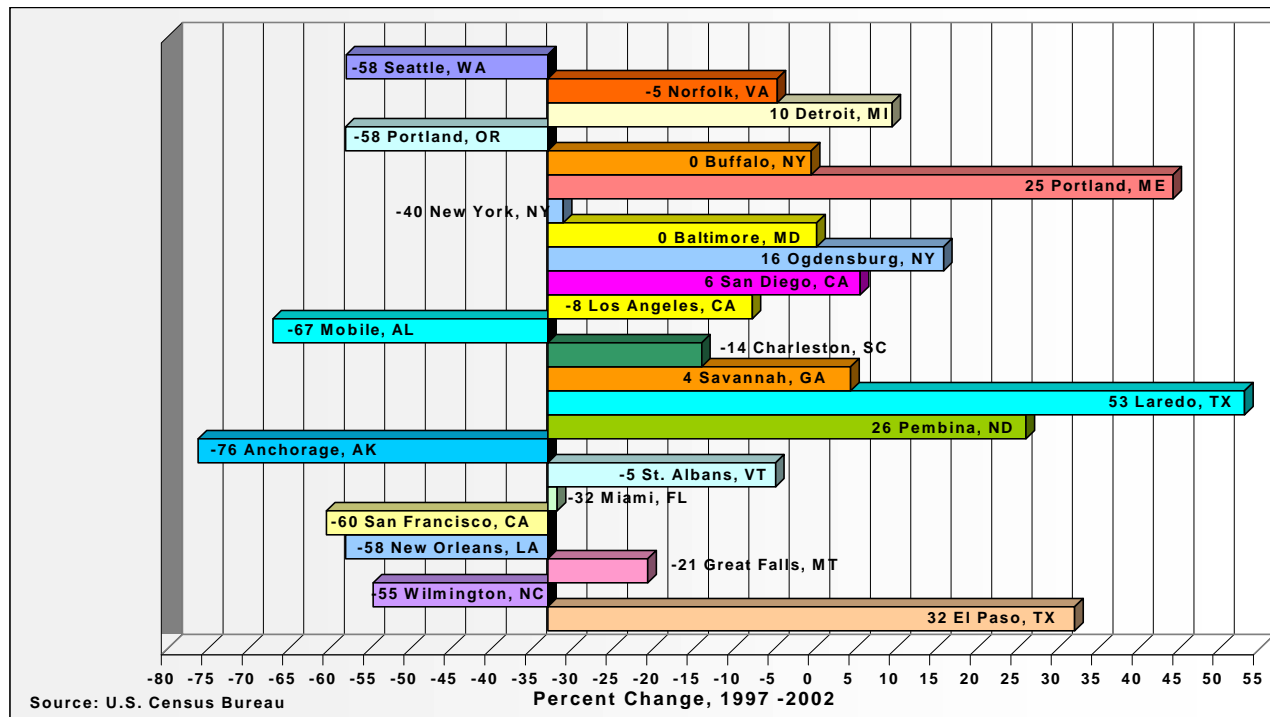
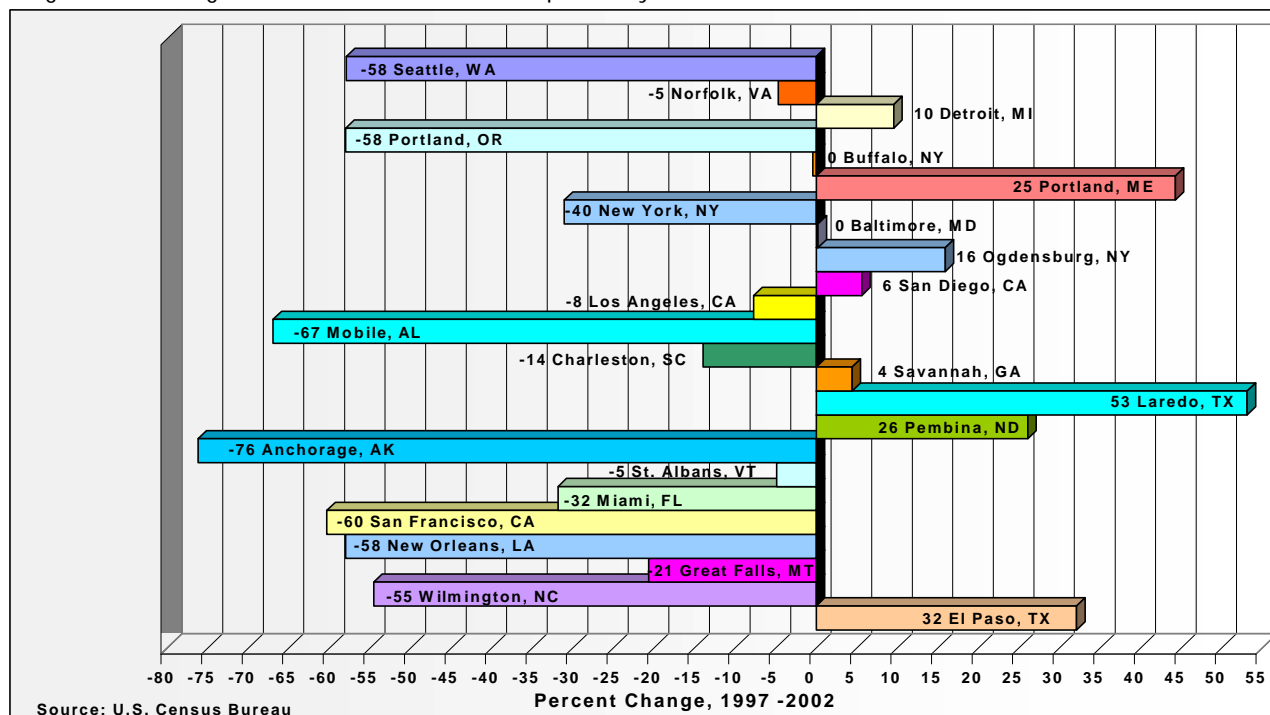


Figure 2: Change of U.S. Wood Product Exports, by Customs District, 1997-2002



1. 2002 exports have been annualized based on January - August 2002 data

In 2002, U.S. solid wood exports declined 7 percent from January to August, compared to the same period in 2001. Figure 3 uses -7 percent as the baseline to compare the relative performance of the top 24 customs districts. The baseline for the same customs districts is set at zero percent change in figure 4 below.

Figure 3: Relative Change of U.S. Wood Product Exports Compared to the Average Change (-7 percent), by Customs District, January - August, 2001 - 2002

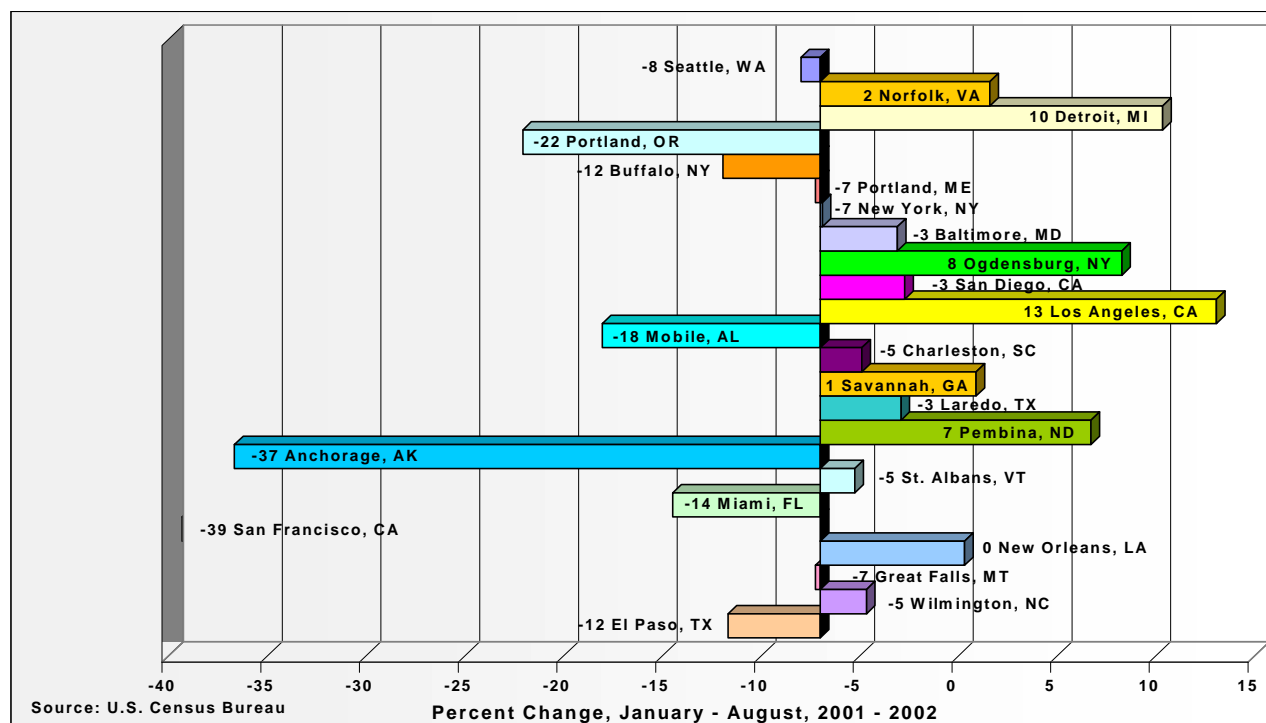


Figure 4: Change of U.S. Wood Product Exports, by Customs District, January - August, 2001 - 2002

